Domestic Viewbook

2026-2027

Bow Valley College





Hit the ground knowing where we stand.

Land acknowledgement

Bow Valley College aims to uphold the intention of the numbered friendship treaties from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples. As an education institution in Treaty 7 territory, it's our responsibility to support a deeper understanding of this Treaty so that we can respect and honour its terms and respect Indigenous Peoples' legal and inherent rights. As a college, we know we have more to learn and that there is more we can do to deepen our capacity to work alongside Indigenous communities in reciprocal ways.

We acknowledge the Blackfoot Confederacy, which includes the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Piikani First Nations; we acknowledge the Tsuut'ina First Nation; we acknowledge the Îyâxe Nakoda First Nations, which include the Goodstoney, Chiniki, and Bearspaw.

We also acknowledge the historical Northwest Métis homeland and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of Alberta, districts 4, 5, and 6 in Battle River territory.

We acknowledge and express our gratitude to the Indigenous caretakers of this land. We join all Nations in celebrating the unique histories, traditions, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples as we continue our journey of reconciliation together.

Embark on the journey to career-ready.

Think of this viewbook as your Bow Valley College starting point. Inside, you'll find details about programs, admissions, support, and more — and the part each plays in helping you build skills to succeed in the workforce. For the most up-to-date information, visit **bowvalleycollege.ca**

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Program and service information, tuition, and admission requirements are correct at the time of printing and are subject to change.

Graduate satisfaction and employment rates are based on data from the the 2026 Bow Valley College Graduate Survey of the 2024-25 graduating cohort, and the 2024 Government of Alberta survey of Bow Valley College's 2021–22 graduating cohort.

Graduate satisfaction rates reflect respondents' satisfaction with the overall quality of their educational experience. Graduate employment rates reflect respondents who reported being employed in training-related or other roles at the time of the applicable survey.

Hit the ground learning, earning, thriving.

13,000+
students attend each year

92%
graduate satisfaction

91%
employment rate within three years of graduating

50+
programs aligned with Calgary's fastest growing sectors

TOP 50
Research College in Canada
(#30 in 2025; #1 for research income growth among mid-sized colleges)

300+
scholarships and bursaries available

How Bow Valley College works for you

Experience that gets you hired

Through **Work Integrated Learning** you'll graduate with proof you can perform on the job. Learn more on **page 9**.

Competency-Based Education

In some courses, you can skip sections by demonstrating subject-matter knowledge that you already have — and move faster toward your goals. Learn more on **page 8**.

Support that never clocks out

From your first day in class to your first day at work, we're here for resume reviews, job search help, and interview prep for life.

Quality you can afford

We are publicly funded and government accountable — meeting Alberta's highest standards with some of the most accessible education in the province. Learn more on **page 9**.

Employer-approved curricula

Every program is shaped by industry insight — so you graduate with skills that companies are looking for on day one.

A campus that reflects the world

Diverse, inclusive, and global: our students come from 148 countries, and our staff speaks 50+ languages.

Admissions that meet you where you are

Our non-competitive process looks beyond prior grades. If you want to study here, we'll work with you to make it happen.



We are Calgary's College.

A title we're proud of — but what does it mean?

It comes from our status as a **Comprehensive Community College** — a designation from the province of Alberta that we're the only college in Calgary to hold.

It means a commitment to prepare students for meaningful careers, to create pathways to further education, and to respond to the evolving needs of employers, communities, and our economy.

It means access to opportunity — whether you're starting from high school, changing careers, or starting over.

It means Calgary's College is here for you.

Since 1963.

Downtown location

Connected by public transportation, at the centre of it all.



Future-ready spaces

Modern labs and advanced research empowering Calgary's future workforce.



Digital Entertainment Nexus (DEN)

Step into Calgary's most advanced space for storytelling, content creation, and immersive media.



Industry partnerships

Internships and connections with Calgary's top employers — launching lasting careers.



Promoting entrepreneurship

Initiatives like VentureQuest help students develop socially responsible business ideas through workshops, mentorship, financial planning, and a competitive pitch event offering more than $20,000 in cash and prizes.





Competency-Based Education (CBE)

It's about showing what you know, not time spent in class. Meet the required competencies and advance. Every student's journey is unique. Learn more about it at **bvc.me/cbe**

Becoming a Health Care Centre of Excellence

Building on decades of health education leadership through innovation and partnerships, we will increase annual graduates in key professions from approximately 750 today to 2,500 by 2033.





Learning that works — literally.

At Bow Valley College, education goes beyond the classroom. With Work Integrated Learning as part of your studies, you'll gain hands-on experience that connects directly to your chosen field.

Opportunities include:

- Apprenticeship-style training
- Clinicals
- Practicums
- Capstone projects
- Industry-led challenges

In fact, we are the only post-secondary institution in Alberta where **Work Integrated Learning is mandatory in every program**. That means you'll take on real professional responsibilities, build your resume, and make valuable industry connections — **before you even graduate**.

Hit the ground informed.

Choosing a college is one of the biggest decisions you'll make.

In Alberta, you'll find both public and private institutions preparing students for the workforce.

There isn't one right choice between them, but it's good to know which system you're applying to.

Public colleges

- Publicly funded and accountable to government
- Programs meet provincial standards
- Credentials are widely recognized

Private colleges

- Independently operated (for-profit or not-for-profit)
- Programs approved at the institutional level
- Credentials may be recognized within specific industries or employers

Before you commit, ask:

- What credential will I earn?
- What's included in tuition — and what costs extra?
- What student supports are available?
- How does this program connect to my career goals?
- Am I getting the information I need to make an informed decision?

The right college won't be worried if you compare your options.

We're not.

But we are here to help make the decision that's right for you — even if it leads somewhere other than Bow Valley College.

Hit the ground knowing yourself.

Have a clear plan? Great.
If not, understanding what motivates you can be a good place to start.
See which of these career styles sounds most like you, and let's build from there.

The Helper

Core Motivation

Supporting and caring for others through meaningful, people-focused work.

Traits:

- Compassionate
- Dependable
- Empathetic
- Patient
- Supportive
- Collaborative
- Communicative

The Advocate

Core Motivation

Creating positive change, supporting communities, and helping people navigate challenges.

Traits

- Compassionate
- Values-driven
- Community-minded
- Socially aware
- Passionate

The Problem Solver

Core Motivation

Solving challenges, troubleshooting systems, and working with technology and logic.

Traits:

- Analytical
- Curious
- Logical
- Innovative
- Independent thinker

The Creative Trendsetter

Core Motivation

Using creativity, digital media, and modern communication to build engaging experiences and connect with audiences.

Traits:

- Expressive
- Imaginative
- Creative
- Trend-aware
- Digitally fluent
- Entrepreneurial
- Visually minded

The Strategist

Core Motivation

Creating structure, optimizing systems, and helping organizations run efficiently.

Traits:

- Organized
- Thoughtful
- Strategic
- Detail-oriented
- Systems-minded

The Growth Seeker

Core Motivation

Exploring possibilities, building confidence, and discovering direction before committing to a path.

Traits:

- Curious
- Adaptable
- Growth-oriented
- Motivated
- Open-minded
- Self-improving
- Future-focused

Found your runway?

Now stick the landing.

Take our Course Charter career quiz

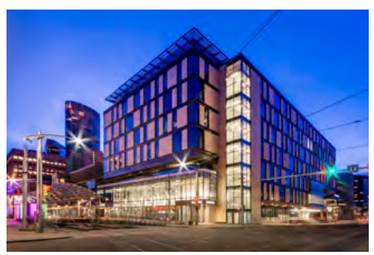
Match your interests, values, and strengths to specific Bow Valley College programs.

Hit the ground inspired.

**Find your favourite spot. Meet your people.
Make this place your own.**

Want to see more?
Take our virtual campus tour.

Designed to support your goals and elevate your experience.



Next-gen campus

From AI to VR and beyond, our full-spectrum digital infrastructure drives learning and transformation.



Ali Family Intercultural Centre

A welcoming space for cultural celebration, global perspectives, and inclusion.



Esports arena

Open to all students and home of the Bears. Join the fun, turning gaming into teamwork, leadership, and strategy skills.



Health Simulation Lab

No pressure, no patients, just hands-on practice in a high-tech space where health care students prep for the real thing.



RGO Library and Learning Commons

A study sanctuary — quiet, tech-enabled, and full of resources to help you succeed. Big ideas start here.



Student lounges and study zones

Light-filled spaces to collaborate, focus, or relax — your choice.

Everything you need, right where you need it.



The Market

Hot breakfast and lunch options. Freshly prepared soups, salads, and sandwiches. It's all here.



Bookstore

Your one-stop shop for textbooks, supplies, and must-have Bow Valley College swag.



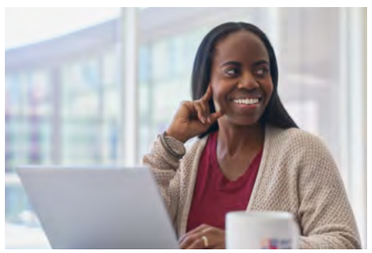
On-campus eats

Not just one Tim Hortons, but two, plus a Chaiiwala of London, and a barBURRITO Express to keep you fueled.



Lockers, terraces, and skyline views

Store your stuff, take a break, and soak in the downtown energy.



Constant connection

Free Wi-Fi, charging stations, and student tech support when you need it.



Steps from the city

Explore Stephen Avenue eateries, browse The Core's shops, or hop on the C-Train and be anywhere in minutes.

Meeting you where you are.

We offer flexible options and multiple ways to become part of our vibrant student community.



Build your foundation

Improve your academic English

English for Academic Purposes helps you develop the language skills required for college-level study. Successful completion can meet the English language requirements for many Bow Valley College programs, creating a pathway toward career training or further post-secondary education.

Complete academic prerequisites

Academic Upgrading helps you strengthen core skills, complete required courses, and meet admission requirements. Use it to prepare for a Bow Valley College career program or pursue further post-secondary education.



Explore your next step

Explore before you commit

Open Studies lets you take individual courses without enrolling in a full program. Explore different subjects, develop new skills, and earn credits that may count toward a future Bow Valley College certificate or diploma or help prepare you for further post-secondary study.

Prepare for further study

General Arts and Sciences provides a broad academic foundation through interdisciplinary learning. Depending on the option, its certificate, diploma, and Health Sciences pathways can prepare you for further education, university transfer opportunities, and diverse career possibilities.

Train for a career

Certificates and **Diplomas** combine practical learning with industry-relevant skills, preparing you to enter the workforce and take on professional responsibilities in your chosen field.

Keep building your skills

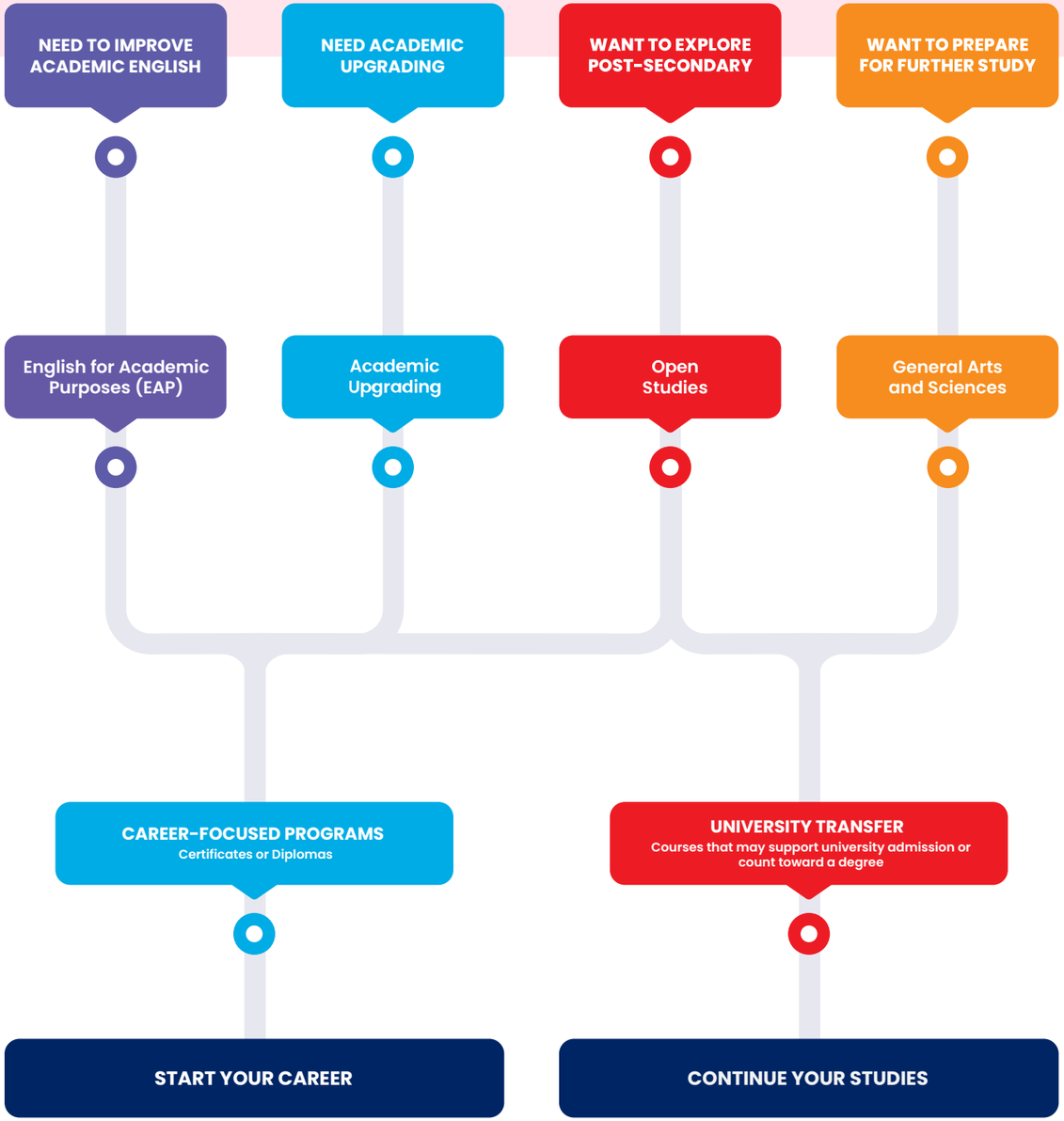
Extended Education and **Pivot-Ed** offer flexible courses, certificates of achievement, and microcredentials for professional growth, career advancement, certification, and personal development.

Dual Credit

Get a **tuition-free head start on college** while you're still in high school. Earn credits toward your high school diploma and post-secondary education at the same time.

Academic Pathways

See how different starting points can lead to career training, further education, or both.



Admission is not one-size-fits-all



We recognize your story, your education, and your life experience. It all counts in how we help you move forward.

What you'll need to apply:

- **Academic Requirements**
  Courses, credentials, or experience (varies by program).
- **English Language Proficiency**
  See pages **42–43** for accepted tests and benchmarks.

Ways to meet academic admission requirements

- Alberta high school or equivalent — even without a diploma
- Courses from other Canadian provinces
- International secondary or post-secondary transcripts
- 15 post-secondary credits with a "C" average*
- Canadian home-based education*
- Mature student status (20+ and a Canadian resident)*

Additional achievement pathways

We also recognize alternative credentials, including:

- Bow Valley College Admission & Placement Test
- Open Studies and General Arts and Sciences
- Academic upgrading
- English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- GED/CAEC exam
- Prior post-secondary credits
- SAT exam
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

* Eligible programs include certificate or diploma programs in the School of Technology, School of Community Studies, and Chiu School of Business.

CHIU SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Hit the ground thinking big.

Graduate ready to succeed in today's fast-moving business world.

- Social entrepreneurship development
- Business-case competitions
- Programs recognized by industry
- CPHR (Chartered Professionals in Human Resources) and CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) recognized institution



"I wanted to start my own business because it would give me the autonomy to take care of myself and my daughter on my own schedule — something Bow Valley College helped me with through remote classes and flexible scheduling."

Carolynne Scoffield

Marketing Director,
Arlington Street Investments

89%
graduate employment rate

94%
program quality satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Accounting Assistant
- Administrative Assistant
- Benefits Administrator
- Bookkeeper
- Business Development Coordinator
- Claims Adjuster
- Corporate Legal Assistant
- Digital Marketing Coordinator
- Entrepreneur / Small Business Owner
- Esports Business Manager
- Esports Event Coordinator
- Executive Assistant
- Financial Planner
- HR Assistant
- Insurance Advisor
- Interior Decorator
- Investment Services Representative
- Legal Assistant
- Logistics Coordinator
- Marketing Communications Coordinator
- Medical Office Assistant
- Office Manager
- Payroll Administrator
- Procurement Coordinator
- Project Coordinator
- Risk Management Analyst
- Talent Acquisition Coordinator
- Tournament Operations Specialist
- Unit Clerk
- Veterinary Assistant

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Administrative Professional Certificate	September January	10 months	$6,252	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Business Administration Certificate	September January	8 months	$6,456	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Business Administration Diploma Accounting, Digital Marketing, Financial Services, General Business, Human Resources, Insurance and Risk Management, Integrated Marketing Communications, and Supply Chain Management.	September January May	16 months	$13,737	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Esports Business Management Diploma	September January	16 months	$12,763	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Financial Planning Certificate of Achievement	September	8 months	$2,496	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Human Resources Certificate	September January	8 months	$6,456	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Interior Decorating Diploma	September January	16 months	$11,161	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 10C (60%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Legal Assistant Diploma	September January	18 months	$10,502	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Medical Office Assistant and Unit Clerk Certificate	September January May	10 months	$5,878	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Risk Management Certificate of Achievement	September	8 months	$1,872	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Veterinary Assistant Certificate	September January	10 months	$6,435	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.

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SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY STUDIES

Hit the ground leading change.

Graduate ready to make an impact where it matters most.

- CACCF (Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation) recognized program
- Alberta Early Childhood Educator Certifications for Levels 1-3
- Alberta College of Social Workers accreditation



"Through Bow Valley College, I discovered a career that unites my passion, leadership, creativity, and commitment to positive community impact. Sometimes, purpose is not found in choosing one path, but in discovering where your gifts belong."

Chika Ugagu

Team Lead, Community Development, Women's Centre of Calgary

92%
graduate employment rate

94%
program quality satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Addiction Counsellor
- Addiction Support Worker
- Case Manager
- Child and Youth Care Counsellor
- Child Care Centre Supervisor
- Community Disability Services Practitioner
- Community Outreach Worker
- Community Peace Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Court Services Officer
- Crisis Intervention Worker
- Disability Support Worker
- Early Childhood Educator
- Early Learning Program Coordinator
- Education Assistant
- Employment Support Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Housing Support Worker
- Inclusive Education Assistant
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Police Officer
- Preschool Teacher
- Recovery Support Worker
- Residential Support Worker
- Residential Youth Worker
- Social Worker
- Victim Services Advocate
- Youth Justice Worker
- Youth Support Worker

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Addiction Studies Diploma	September January	16 months	$12,104	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Child and Youth Care Diploma	September	16 months	$14,832	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Disability Studies Certificate	September	8 months	$4,967	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Disability Studies Diploma	September	16 months	$11,110	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Early Childhood Education and Development Certificate Level 2 Child Care Certification-recognized program	September January	8 months	$5,088	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Early Childhood Education and Development Diploma Level 3 Child Care Certification-recognized program	September January	16 months	$10,678	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Education Assistant Certificate	September January	8 months	$5,269	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Justice Studies Diploma	September January	16 months	$10,218	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Social Work Diploma	September	24 months	$15,921	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.

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** English for Academic Purposes courses are English language courses that can be used in lieu of an English Language Arts admission equivalent course. Students are still required to satisfy outstanding admission requirements in subjects outside of English Language Arts when using this pathway.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Hit the ground living your calling.

Graduate ready to support others at every stage of life.

- Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs
- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta
- Practicums in hospitals and pharmacies
- Hands-on training in labs with cutting-edge technology



"I've learned so much in this field, gained valuable experience, and built a strong foundation of knowledge. Through my five practicums, I received three job opportunities, and I learned something valuable from each experience. I'm very grateful for the post-secondary education I received at Bow Valley College."

Jocelyn Stumborg

Physiotherapy Assistant,
Lifepath Wellness

93%
graduate employment rate

92%
program quality satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Acute Care Nurse
- Child Health Nurse
- Community Health Nurse
- Community Pharmacy Technician
- Continuing Care Aide
- Health Care Aide
- Home Care Aide
- Hospital Pharmacy Technician
- Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Long-Term Care Aide
- Maternal Care Nurse
- Mental Health Aide
- Mental Health Nurse
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Operating Room Nurse
- Palliative Care Aide
- Pediatric Therapy Assistant
- Perioperative Nurse
- Pharmacy Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Recreation Aide
- Recreation Therapy Assistant
- Registered Nurse
- Registered Psychiatric Nurse
- Rehabilitation Assistant
- Seniors Care Nurse
- Speech-Language Assistant
- Therapeutic Recreation Assistant

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Admissions test	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Health Care Aide Certificate	September January May	8 months	$8,127	Equivalent to Grade 11 English Language Arts HECA Digital Literacy (see website for details)	English Language Arts 20-1 or 20-2 with a minimum of 60% in either	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%) English proficiency still required	AE2 (Grade B- or 70%) English proficiency still required
Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant Diploma Focus in physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreation therapy, and speech-language therapy.	September	24 months	$17,202	Not accepted	English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Biology 30 (60%) Math 10C (credit)	ENGL1201 (Grade C or 60%) ANAT1101 (Grade C or 64%)	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math and Biology are still required.
Pharmacy Technician Diploma	September	16 months	$12,581	Not accepted	Completion of a high school diploma with: English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (60%) Biology 30 (60%) Chemistry 30 (60%)	ENGL1201 (Grade C or 60%) CHEM1901 and/or CHEM1902: 50%	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math, Chemistry, Biology, and a high school diploma are still required.
Practical Nurse Diploma	September January May	20 months	$15,400	Not accepted	English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Math 20-1 (credit) or 20-2 (60%) Biology 30 (60%)	ENGL1201 (Grade C or 60%) ANAT1101 (Grade C or 64%)	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math and Biology are still required.
Recreation Therapy Aide Certificate	September	5 months	$1,822	Equivalent to Grade 10 English Language Arts	English Language Arts 10-1 or 10-2 (credit) AND: Previous education or work experience in health or human services or successful completion of HMSV9102	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 1 (Grade B- or 70%)
Perioperative Nursing for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses Post-Diploma Certificate	September	5 months	$5,049	–	Applicants must be either actively registered in Canada as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse. Applicants must provide proof of College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) registration or College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA) licensure.		
Psychiatric Nurse Diploma	September January May	16 months	$13,022	–	- Official transcripts showing graduation from an approved Canadian Practical Nurse diploma program; - Proof of a Canadian active practical nursing license showing membership in good standing; AND - A minimum of 1,800 hours of verified employment practice in Canada as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) within the last two years.		
Registered Nurse Pathway to Canadian Practice Certificate of Achievement	September January May	4 months	$4,242	–	Official transcript showing completion of a 3-year or 4-year baccalaureate degree in nursing; OR Proof of active or former Registered Nursing license/registration in Canada (includes non-practicing registrant); OR Official NCLEX certification; OR Official CRNA assessment outlining education assessment and language requirements.		

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SCHOOL OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Hit the ground unlocking innovation.

Graduate ready to power today's digital economy — and tomorrow's.

- IT industry–recognized certificates
- Apprenticeship-style diploma programs
- Women Pivoting in Tech bursary



"At Bow Valley College, I learned more than design and marketing — I gained confidence, leadership experience, and a professional network. Those skills helped me land my first job before graduation, and today, I'm thriving."

Ash Brar

Digital Marketing Specialist
clearmotive marketing group

81%
graduate employment rate*

85%
program quality satisfaction*

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- AI Solutions Analyst
- Application Developer
- Back-End Developer
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Cloud Support Specialist
- Content Marketing Specialist
- Cybersecurity Analyst
- Data Analyst
- Data Architect
- Data Engineer
- Database Administrator
- Digital Designer
- Digital Marketing Specialist
- Front-End Developer
- Full-Stack Developer
- Graphic Designer
- Health Data Analyst
- Health Information Specialist
- IT Project Coordinator
- IT Support Specialist
- Machine Learning Analyst
- Mobile App Developer
- Network Technician
- Security Analyst
- SEO Specialist
- Software Developer
- Software Tester
- Systems Administrator
- UX/UI Designer
- Web Designer

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Cybersecurity Solutions NEW Diploma	September, January	16 months	$24,700	English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 (credit) Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 Language Arts and Grade 11 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70% as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Digital Design Diploma	September	16 months	$12,633	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Digital Design – Apprenticeship Style Diploma	September	16 months	$17,328	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Health Data Analytics Diploma	September	16 months	$17,577	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 (credit) or Math 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Information Technology Solutions NEW Diploma	September January	16 months	$18,750	English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 (credit) Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 11 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70% as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Software Development Diploma	September January	16 months	$17,701	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required. Credit in Grade 12 Math, MGMT1501, or equivalent
Software Development – Apprenticeship Style Diploma	September	16 months	$17,941	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Data Management and Analytics Post-Diploma Certificate	September	8 months	$10,200	-	Completion of a Diploma or a Degree in Business Administration, Computer Engineering, Management Information Systems, Information Technology, Engineering, Software Development, or equivalent. Credit in Grade 12 Math, MGMT1501, or equivalent.		
Digital Marketing Post-Diploma Certificate	September, January	8 months	$7,206	-	Completion of a Diploma or Degree.		
Software Development Post-diploma Certificate	September	8 months	$8,180	-	Completion of a Diploma or Degree. Credit in Grade 12 Math, MGMT1501, or equivalent.		

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SCHOOL OF FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING

Hit the ground on a path to your future.

Every course we offer gets you closer to college, university, and careers — with confidence.



- Strengthen core reading, writing, math, and study skills.
- Improve prior marks through **Academic Upgrading.**
- Meet required language proficiency with **English for Academic Purposes.**

1,200
students upgrade with us each year

1:25
average faculty-to-student ratio in our classrooms

WHERE YOUR PATHWAY CAN LEAD

- **Career-focused education**
  Complete the requirements needed to enter a certificate or diploma program.
- **Further post-secondary study**
  Prepare to continue through our General Arts and Sciences programs, Open Studies courses, and other Bow Valley College options. Earn credits that transfer toward degrees.
- **Employment and career growth**
  Build academic skills and qualifications that may support employment or career advancement.

PATHWAYS AND PROGRAMS

- Academic Upgrading
- English For Academic Purposes
- Indigenous Foundational Learning
- Indigenous Pathways to Employment

BENEFITS

- Choose from flexible options, including full-time, part-time, in person, and online learning.
- Access Government of Alberta funding support.
- Earn Alberta Education high school credits (exceptions apply).

BHARWANI SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Hit the ground curious — and with direction.

Sometimes the best way forward is to keep your options open. Discover new interests, earn a credential, transfer to university, or take individual courses — all within one school.



Develop transferable skills like:

- Critical thinking
- Communication
- Problem-solving

View all transfer agreements:
bowvalleycollege.ca/transfer

Check Alberta-wide transfers:
transferalberta.alberta.ca

Earn transferable credits in:

- Anatomy & Health Sciences
- Biology, Chemistry & Math
- Business & Marketing
- English & Canadian Studies
- Philosophy & Political Science
- Psychology & Sociology

...and more.

CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY

General Arts and Sciences Certificate
Build a broad academic foundation.

General Arts and Sciences Diploma
Go further with interdisciplinary learning.

General Arts and Sciences – Health Sciences Certificate
Prepare for some of Canada's fastest-growing fields.

Other options:

University Transfer — Pay lower tuition and learn in smaller classes with more personalized support while working toward a degree.

Open Studies — Learn without committing to a full program. Reach your academic, professional, or personal goals one course at a time.

START HERE. GO ANYWHERE.

- University of Calgary
- Mount Royal University
- SAIT
- University of Alberta
- Athabasca University
- University of Lethbridge
- and many other universities, colleges, and professional associations around the world

Hit the ground working together.

At Bow Valley College, success isn't just defined by walking the stage at graduation. It's measured by every step of the journey that gets you there.

Spaces, services, and support for every student

Connections that help you learn, grow, and belong

You've got goals. We've got your back.

Stay on track

Academic advising, accommodations, tutoring, lifelong career support, and more, all designed to help you keep moving forward.

Create community

Join clubs, attend events, volunteer, or get involved in student groups and wellness programs. Build connections to last a lifetime.

Grow beyond the classroom

Gain hands-on experience through Work Integrated Learning, mentorship, networking, career fairs, and leadership opportunities.

Pay for school with confidence

Navigate loans, budgeting resources, and more than 300 scholarships and awards, including entrance awards of up to $10,000.

Learn more on pages **40-41**.

Multi-Faith Space

A quiet, welcoming space for reflection, prayer, or a moment of pause. Open to students of all faiths, beliefs, and backgrounds.

Students' Association (SABVC)

Your student voice on campus. SABVC advocates for students while creating opportunities to get involved through events, leadership roles, volunteer experiences, and community-building activities.

The Iniikokaan Centre

"The Buffalo Lodge," where all Nations belong.

A welcoming space for self-identified Indigenous students to connect with culture, community, and support. Access mentorship, cultural programming, and opportunities for personal and leadership growth while building meaningful relationships and celebrating identity.

Funding your future at Bow Valley College

Over $1.5 million awarded annually to more than 900 students.

Because potential shouldn't be limited by finances.

Featured Awards

- **Deb and Scott Thon Bursary** – $3,000 for single parents showing resilience
- **Mama-Ji Gurbachan Kaur Dhesi Award** – $1,000 for final-year students making a positive impact
- **TransAlta Women Pivoting in Tech Bursary** – $5,000/term for women in tech programs



If you're a full- or part-time domestic student pursuing a career certificate or diploma, you may qualify for Alberta government loans and grants to help fund your education and offset living expenses.

Bow Valley College also offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries (most of which are one-time, non-repayable awards) available to both new and current students.

There are many ways to qualify — just ask!



When to Apply

Entrance Awards

Apply here:
bvcawards.awardspring.ca/prospective/signin

Term	Applications Open	Deadline
Spring/Summer	January 1	April 1
Fall	May 1	August 1
Winter	September 1	December 1

Ongoing Awards

Apply here:
bvcawards.awardspring.ca

Term	Applications Open	Deadline
Spring/Summer	May 1	July 1
Fall	September 1	November 1
Winter	January 1	March 1

"There's an award for that!"

Thanks to our generous donors, we offer funding opportunities for every kind of student:

- **Entrance Awards** – Apply before you start your program
- **Ongoing Awards** – Available while you're studying
- **Specialized Awards** – For Indigenous students, mature students, newcomers, single parents, students with disabilities, and more.

What we look for

Our awards recognize more than just grades. You can apply based on:

- Academic excellence
- Financial need
- Leadership and community involvement
- Career goals and personal growth
- Volunteerism and perseverance

"This support came at a time when I truly didn't know what I was going to do. It feels like a prayer answered. This does not just help me financially; it gives me relief, hope, and the chance to keep going. This means so much to me and my family, and I will carry this kindness with me forever."

Abigail Mensah

City of Calgary Bursary Recipient,
Practical Nursing Student

Need Help?

Our **Financial Empowerment Team** offers confidential advising, application support, and guidance tailored to your needs.
For more information, email us at
financialaid@bowvalleycollege.ca

English language proficiency requirements

Bow Valley College recognizes proof of English language proficiency from several countries for most programs.**

The applicant must have completed three years of full-time secondary education (high school) at a recognized public school, or one year of full-time post-secondary education at a recognized public college or university where the primary language of education is English.

Visit **bowvalleycollege.ca/elp** for a complete list.



Program	BVC Academic English	CLB	IELTS Academic	TOEFL	Duolingo	PTE Academic	CELBAN	CELPIP
All post-secondary programs (except those listed below)	Minimum of Grade B- in AE2	8 in each strand	6.0 with minimum band score of 6.0	83	110	59 - 64	—	—
Health Care Aide Certificate	—	7 in each strand	6.0 overall, with no section score below 5.5	71	95	—	7 in each area	7 general, with no section score below 6.0
Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant Diploma	Minimum of Grade B in AE2	8 in each strand	6.5 with minimum band score of 6.0	84 with no section score below 21	—	59-64	—	—
Machine Learning Analyst Diploma Diploma	—	6.5 with minimum band score of 6.0	6.5 overall, with no section score below 6.0	84 with no section score below 21	115	59 with no section score below 56	—	—
Pharmacy Technician Diploma*	—	—	Listening: 7.0 Speaking: 7.0 Reading: 7.0 Writing: 6.5	—	—	—	—	—
Practical Nurse Diploma	Minimum of Grade B in AE2	8 in each strand	Listening: 7.5 Speaking: 7.0 Reading: 6.5 Writing: 7.0	92	—	—	Listening: 9.0 Speaking: 8.0 Reading: 8.0 Writing: 7.0	—
Recreation Therapy Aide Certificate	Minimum of Grade B- in AE1	7 in each strand	5.5 with minimum band score of 5.0	71	—	—	—	—
Registered Nurse Pathway to Canadian Practice Certificate of Achievement	—	—	Listening 7.0, Speaking 7.0, Reading 6.5, Writing 6.5	—	—	—	Listening 9, Speaking 8, Reading 8, Writing 7	—
Psychiatric Nurse Diploma Certificate	—	—	Listening 7.0, Speaking 7.0, Reading 6.5, Writing 6.5	—	—	Listening 73, Speaking 75, Reading 66, Writing 68	Listening 10, Speaking 8, Reading 8, Writing 7	—

* Pharmacy Technician Diploma requirements published are provisional pending formal approval. For a complete list of requirements, visit bowvalleycollege.ca/elp

** This recognition applies to all programs except the Pharmacy Technician Diploma and Health Care Aide Certificate due to accreditation rules beyond the College's control.

Test validity: CLB, IELTS Academic, and TOEFL results are valid for two years from the day of testing. Results that expire prior to the start date of the program cannot be accepted. Official results must be submitted.

Begin your journey

Every big goal starts with a single step. Once you decide to take it, we'll walk you through all the rest.

You're not just completing an application — it’s the first page of your Bow Valley College story.



How to get started (it's easier than you think):

1. Find your program

Explore your options online or visit us for a tour. See pages **14-36** for added inspiration.

2. Check the requirements

Review program requirements, English proficiency, and accepted pathways — there’s more than one way to qualify.

3. Apply early

Applications open up to 11 months in advance. Students are admitted on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis.

4. Submit your documents

Send us your transcripts or other supporting info.

5. Pay the application fee

This non-refundable $90 fee confirms your submission. Applications will not be processed without it.

Need help?

Reach out to our Welcome Centre at **info@bowvalleycollege.ca** or **403-410-1402**

Admissions timeline*

Ready to apply?
Scan to start your application.

FALL 2027	WINTER 2028	SPRING 2028	FALL 2028	WINTER 2029	SPRING 2029
Applications open October 1, 2026	**Applications open** February 1, 2027	**Applications open** June 1, 2027	**Applications open** October 1, 2027	**Applications open** February 1, 2028	**Applications open** June 1, 2028
First day of classes September 1, 2027	**First day of classes** January 10, 2028	**First day of classes** May 8, 2028	**First day of classes** September 5, 2028	**First day of classes** January 8, 2029	**First day of classes** May 7, 2029

* Exceptions apply. Application closure dates vary by program. Visit bowvalleycollege.ca for details.

Bow Valley College

Hit the ground looking around.

There's no better way to picture your future than by stepping into it.

Fall Open House

October 3, 2026

Winter Open House

March 6, 2027

RSVP today at choose.bowvalleycollege.ca/open-house and have the $90 application fee waived when you enrol in a program at the event.

Or take a tour — your way:

- In-person guided tours
- Self-guided options
- Virtual tours from anywhere

Explore our spaces, meet our people, get answers to your questions, and experience what life at Bow Valley College is really like.

Visit us

Welcome Centre
First Floor, South Campus
345 – 6 Avenue SE
Calgary, AB T2G 4V1

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